



SPEAKER'S BIO



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Brian Jarvensivu is a Commissioner assigned to Region 9 of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). With the main regional office in Minneapolis, Brian is based in Tomahawk, Wisconsin with an area of coverage that includes a large portion of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In this capacity, he assists parties in the private, public, and federal sectors in contract negotiations, grievance mediation, and other workplace disputes such as EEOC complaints. He is available to train labor and management advocates in collective bargaining, contract administration, grievance processing, steward/supervisor relationships, and labor/management committees.

Brian has been with FMCS since November of 2017 and acquired much of his labor relations experience while working previously as a labor representative/organizer for the Machinists Union based out of Schofield, Wisconsin and covering an area spanning the upper Midwest from North Dakota to lower Michigan. His experience came from a wide range of workplaces from heavy manufacturing to small fabrication shops to health care. In that capacity he was responsible for negotiating collective bargaining agreements, handling grievances, presenting arbitrations, participating in labor/management committees, and providing training for the locals.

Prior to the Machinists Union, Brian worked at a paper mill in northern Wisconsin as a production worker and as a journeyman pipefitter. He served for six years in the US Navy and is currently a member of the American Legion.

Brian holds a BA in Labor Studies from the National Labor College, George Meany Center in Silver Spring, Maryland.